

The economic impacts of climate change: Evidence from agricultural output and random fluctuations in weather

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Abstract:

This paper measures the economic impact of climate change on US agricultural land by estimating the effect of random year-to-year variation in temperature and precipitation on agricultural profits. The preferred estimates indicate that climate change will increase annual profits by \$1.3 billion in 2002 dollars (2002\$) or 4 percent. This estimate is robust to numerous specification checks and relatively precise, so large negative or positive effects are unlikely. We also find the hedonic approach—which is the standard in the previous literature—to be unreliable because it produces estimates that are extremely sensitive to seemingly minor choices about control variables, sample, and weighting.

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Resource Description

Communication: M

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

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audience to whom the resource is directed

Researcher

Exposure: M

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Food/Water Security

Food/Water Security: Agricultural Productivity

Geographic Feature: M

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: M

resource focuses on specific location **United States** Health Impact: M specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure Health Outcome Unspecified mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource Adaptation type of model used or methodology development is a focus of resource Cost/Economic Resource Type: M format or standard characteristic of resource Research Article Timescale: M time period studied

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

Vulnerability/Impact Assessment: ™

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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Time Scale Unspecified